

Book review for WORLD AFFAIRS

Romulo: *Voice of Freedom*. By Cornelio Spencer. (New York: The John Day Company, 1953). 295 pages. \$3.00)

This is a popular biography. Its subject is one hundred percent hero from cover to cover. Through stress and strain, by night and main, he always comes out on top.

Leaping through the first half of the twentieth century, Carlos Romulo has been, among many, many things, a boy oratorical champion, editor, broadcaster, poet, Pulitzer Prize and Silver Star winner, Presidential aide, brigadier general, Foreign Minister, Ambassador, and President of the General Assembly. Throughout these triumphs, he is pictured always as a devoted son, husband and father.

The pages are packed with emotional scenes. The fathery affection of General MacArthur for the hero is touching indeed. Franklin Roosevelt once told ~~to~~ him, over the din of sustained applause following one of Romulo's speeches, that he had stolen the show from the President of the United States. And the greatest moment of this great Fil-American's life occurred when he waded ashore at the invasion of Leyte while cameras ground to record the event.

This book's greatest appeal will be to uncritical lay readers. Its value as a historical document is negligible.

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